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SUBJECT: NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORTS: REQUEST FOR MORE
EXPEDITIOUS SUBMISSION

REF: WAINER (DEA) LETTER OF JUNE 5, 1978 TO ANDREW
(STATE) FORWARDING REPORTS NO. 9501C-9550C

SUMMARY: MISSION FORWARDED REPORTS COVERED BY REFERENCED
LETTER TO DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (DND). CHIEF OF
DND ILLICIT TRAFFIC SECTION CONTACTED MISSION TO POINT
OUT THAT MOST SEIZURES DESCRIBED IN REPORTS WERE MORE
THAN YEAR OLD AND TO URGE EXPEDITIOUS SUBMISSION OF
REPORTS IN ACCORD WITH RECENT CND AND ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS.
MISSION REQUESTS DEA REVIEW ITS PROCEDURES TO EXPEDITE
SUBMISSION OF NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORTS. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION FORWARDED THE 50 SEIZURE REPORTS UNDER COVER
OF REFERENCED LETTER TO DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (DND).
MR. MICHAEL DAVIES, CHIEF ILLICIT TRAFFIC SECTION,
THEREAFTER CONTACTED MISSION OFFICER TO POINT OUT THAT
18 PERCENT OF THE SEIZURES DESCRIBED IN THESE REPORTS
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WERE OVER TWO YEARS OLD AND 78 PERCENT WERE OVER ONE YEAR
OLD. MR. DAVIES COMMENTED THAT IN GROUP PREVIOUSLY
SUBMITTED (DATED MARCH 31, 1978), SEVEN REPORTS CONCERNED
SEIZURES IN 1976 AND FOUR REPORTS RELATED TO SEIZURES AS
FAR BACK AS 1975.

2. MR. DAVIES EXPLAINED THAT FOR THESE REPORTS TO HAVE VALUE TO THE UN AS INDICATORS OF THE CURRENT WORLDWIDE ILLICIT TRAFFIC SITUATION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DIVISION AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONNECTION MR. DAVIES REFERRED TO THE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS TO THE ECOSOC AND ADOPTED BY THAT BODY ON THE SUBJECT OF "SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION OF SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION CONCERNING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC CASES." AFTER DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL CONVENTIONS TO THEIR OBLIGATION TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE SYG IN A COMPLETE AND TIMELY MANNER, THE RESOLUTION (OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2) QTE REMINDS PARTIES TO THOSE CONVENTIONS ALSO OF THEIR OBLIGATION PROMPTLY TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CASES OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC WHICH ARE OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND, IN THIS CONNEXION, TO SPECIFY FULL PARTICULARS OF EACH CASE OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC DISCOVERED WHICH MAY BE OF IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF THE LIGHT THROWN ON THE SOURCE FROM WHICH DRUGS ARE OBTAINED FOR THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC, OR BECAUSE OF THE QUANTITIES INVOLVED OR THE METHOD EMPLOYED BY ILLICIT TRAFFICKERS, OR NEW TRENDS DISCLOSED. UNQTE

3. MR. DAVIES STATED THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE IMPROVED THEIR SUBMISSION PROCEDURES, NOTING THAT INDIA, BULGARIA

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AND EGYPT ARE CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 1978. IN ADDITION, DND HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM ROMANIA DATED APRIL 1978 AND FROM AUSTRIA DATED MAY 1978. MR. DAVIES BELIEVES THAT REPORTS WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN ASSISTING DND TO EVALUATE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING SITUATION IF THEY WERE RECEIVED BY DND WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF SEIZURE DATE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LINE 17 (LEGAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES) COULD NOT GENERALLY BE COMPLETED WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME, BUT HE SAID THIS LESS URGENT INFORMATION COULD BE SUBMITTED LATER AS IT BECAME AVAILABLE.

4. COMMENT: MISSION RECOMMENDS REVIEW OF U.S. PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING NARCOTICS SEIZURE REPORTS WITH A VIEW TOWARDS BRINGING U.S. INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CND AND ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS AND WITH GOAL OF SUBMITTING SUCH REPORTS TO DND WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF SEIZURE DATE. END COMMENT.SORENSEN

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